circuit attaches the second information to the first information in accordance with the insertion condition and the insertion area.

107. (New) The system according to claim 29, wherein the insertion condition is set either to permit insertion of the second information, to permit insertion of the second information in a lower level, or not to permit insertion of the second information.

108. (New) The medium according to claim 60, wherein, when the user sets an insertion area for attaching the second information to the first information, the attachment step attaches the second information to the first information in accordance with the insertion condition and the insertion area.

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 9-25, 29-33, 37-45, 47, 49-55, 60, 88, 91, 95, and 104-108 are presented for examination, with Claims 1, 14, 29, 42, 68, and 88, having been amended to put them in better form for examination. Claims 27, 28, 46, 48, 57, 58, 61-64, 68-84, 86, 87, 89, 90, 92-94, and 96-103 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter presented therein. New Claims 104-108 have been added to provide Applicants with a more complete scope of protection. Claims 1, 29, 60, and 88 are in independent form.
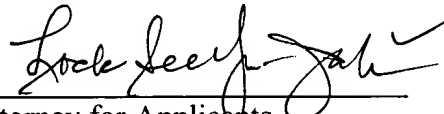
An important feature of independent Claims 1, 29, 60, 88, is that a user can elect to attach a second information to a first information, and an information provider of the first information can set an insertion condition for attaching the second information to the first information. Thus, the user can obtain the first information, which is usually what the user desires, and can refuse the attachment of the second information, such as an advertisement. Also,

the information provider can refuse to attach the second information, for example, information provided by competitors, to the first information.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE TO CLAIMS

1. (Thrice Amended) An information providing method of providing information

to a user, said method comprising:

an extraction step of searching a first database for a first information

corresponding to an inputted code and extracting the first information;

a first information layout determination step of determining a layout for printing

the first information on a paper sheet in accordance with the first information extracted in said

extraction step;

an attachment step of attaching a second information that is extracted from a

second database and is printed in a margin on the paper sheet to the first information <u>when the</u>

<u>user elects to attach the second information to the first information</u>; and

an output step of outputting the first information with the second information

attached thereto in said attached step in accordance with the layout<u>, wherein:</u>

<u>an insertion condition for attaching the second information is set in the first</u>

<u>information by an information provider, and</u>

<u>said attachment step attaches the second information to the first information in</u>

<u>accordance with the insertion condition.</u>

14. (Twice Amended) The method according to claim 10, further comprising a

first registration step of registering the first information <u>in which the insertion condition is set</u> in

the first database.

29. (Thrice Amended) An information providing system for providing

information to a user, said system comprising:

an extraction circuit for searching a first database for a first information

corresponding to an inputted code and extracting the first information;

a first information layout determination circuit for determining a layout for

printing the first information on a paper sheet in accordance with the first information extracted

by said extraction circuit,

an attachment circuit for attaching a second information that is extracted from a

second database and is printed in a margin on the paper sheet to the first information when the

user elects to attach the second information to the first information; and

an output unit for outputting the first information with the second information

attached thereto by said attachment circuit in accordance with the layout, wherein:

an insertion condition for attaching the second information is set in the first

information by an information provider, and

said attachment circuit attaches the second information to the first information in

accordance with the insertion condition.

42. (Thrice Amended) The system according to claim 29, further comprising a

first registration circuit for registering the first information in which the insertion condition is set

in the first database.

60. (Thrice Amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing a program

for implementing an information providing method for providing information to a user, the

program comprising:

program code for an extraction step of searching a first database for a first

information corresponding to an inputted code and extracting the first information;

program code for a first information layout determination step of determining a

layout for printing the first information on a paper sheet in accordance with the first information

extracted in the extraction step;

program code for an attachment step of attaching a second information that is

extracted from a second database and is printed in a margin on the paper sheet to the first

information when the user elects to attach the second information to the first information; and

program code for an output step of outputting the first information with the

second information attached thereto in the attachment step in accordance with the layout,

wherein:

an insertion condition for attaching the second information is set in the first

information by an information provider, and

the attachment step attaches the second information to the first information in

accordance with the insertion condition.

88. (Twice Amended) A terminal apparatus connected to a server via a network,

said server comprising:

an extraction circuit for searching a first database for a first information

corresponding to an inputted code and extracting the first information;

a first information layout determination circuit for determining a layout for

printing the first information on a paper sheet in accordance with the first information extracted

by said extraction circuit;

an attachment circuit for attaching a second information that is extracted

from a second database and is printed in a margin on the paper sheet to the first information

when a user elects to attach the second information to the first information; and

an output unit for outputting the first information with the second

information attached thereto by said attachment circuit in accordance with the layout,

wherein an insertion condition for attaching the second information is set

in the first information by an information provider, and

wherein said attachment circuit attaches the second information to the first

information in accordance with the insertion condition, and

said terminal apparatus comprising:

an image input unit for inputting an original image;

a transmission circuit for sending the inputted original image to the server

for registering the inputted original image as the first information in the first database;

an input unit for inputting the code via the network; and

a printer for receiving the information outputted by said output unit via the

network, and printing the received information.

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